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TO NOVEL STEM CELL GROWTH FACTOR-
LIKE POLYPEPTIDES AND
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003 (Paper No. 12). Claims 62-65, 74 and 75 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time.